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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF EXTRADITION BILL

REF: SAN JOSE 1945

1. EMBASSY HAS COMPARED EXTRADITION LAW REFORM BILL FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT LAST OCTOBER (SAN JOSE 3913) AND FOUND IT TO BE IDENTICAL WITH CURRENT BILL. IN OTHER WORDS, THE BILL THAT WAS REPORTED OUT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE LAST FALL IS THE SAME ONE THAT WILL BE DEBATED AND POSSIBLY MODIFIED AT SOME TIME DURING THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

2. PRESIDENT ODUBER HAS ASKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR OUR COMMENTS ON THIS BILL AND BASED UPON THOSE COMMENTS WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO TRY TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS OR TO PRESENT A NEW BILL. (WITH 38 VOTES THE ASSEMBLY CAN BE CONVERTED TO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.)

3. EMBASSY HAS DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER COMMENTS ON THE BILL (DEPARTMENT'S 226374 AND 215168) AND THESE COMMENTS WERE FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT ODUBER ON OCTOBER 18, 1974. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO COMMENT AGAIN NOW IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST TO THE AMBASSADOR, AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S RE-EXAMINING THE BILL CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING NEW WE WISH TO ADD OR POINT UP.

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THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

4. OPPOSITION DEPUTIES INTERESTED IN AN EARLY EXTRADITION
BILL DEBATE HAVE ASKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR COMMENTS ON THE
BILL AND WE WOULD WANT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THEM AS WELL
ON AN EVEN-HANDED BASIS.
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